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In re Patent Application of
Shoji OBUCHI et al.
Application No.: 10/506,439
Filing Date: September 2, 2004
Title: LACTIC ACID-BASED RESIN COMPOSITION

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE

Group Art Unit: 1713
Examiner: ROBERT D HARLAN
Confirmation No.: 8352

THIRD
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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In response to the statement of reasons for allowance provided with the Notice of Allowance dated December 21, 2005, applicants note that the Examiner has referred to JP 08-333550A as teaching a binder comprising lactic acid polymer and multi-olefin/(meth)acrylic or esters thereof copolymer.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's description of the '550 publication is not correct. The '550 publication discloses an adhesive sheet comprising a surface base material, an adhesive layer and a release sheet. The surface base layer is a film composed of lactic acid-based polymer and the adhesive layer is a copolymer layer obtained by neutralization of a carboxylic acid-modified rosin-containing acrylic acid ester copolymer with an alkali substance. The carboxylic acid -modified rosin containing acrylic acid ester copolymer is prepared from (a) carboxylic acid-modified rosin ester monomer, (b) (poly)ethyleneglycol (meth)acrylate, (c) C₄ - C₁₈ alkyl ester monomer of (meth)acrylic acid, (d) ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid-containing monomer, and (e) a monomer copolymerizable with the above-mentioned (a), (b), (c) and (d).

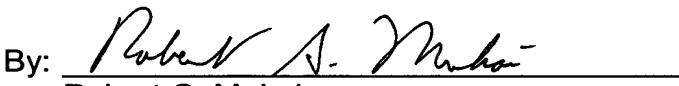
Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's statement, the '550 publication does not teach a binder comprising lactic acid polymer and multi-olefin/(meth)acrylic or esters thereof copolymer. The lactic acid polymer constitutes the surface base material.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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